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EXPLORING THE WORLD OF MERMAIDS



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Terrile Meyer, professional mermaid and owner of Mermaid Poolcare, helps Kaitie Casarillo, 18, fit her new mermaid properly to her feet. Mermaid Poolcare offers mermaid swimming lessons and many other unique mermaid experiences. For video story, visit www.spoononline.com

Kitchener mom loses son to fentanyl

BY JAY KRAMER

The house on the corner sparkled with Christmas lights. Shimmering spots of different colors danced around the doorway and down the steps toward the porch, as if the house were a giant Christmas tree.

It was Walsh-Gouldard, of Kitchener, that was in evidence the night, but not the tree and decorations because the room was dark and the lights were off. The room was dark and the lights were off. The room was dark and the lights were off.

Her home is impossible. Clean and organized and welcoming. The living room is full of toys in different colors, and the soft cushions that look together like a puzzle are stacked neatly for the kids to use.

You would never suspect something had gone wrong with this family. You would

never know that Walsh-Gouldard had lost her son last morning to a fentanyl overdose. He died from addiction May 23, 2014.

Walsh-Gouldard had four children — John, 36, Ian, 34, Heather, 25, and Nicholas, 16. The parents had been separated for years but still take care of their family jointly.

John would have turned 36 on Dec. 14, but this year on his birthday instead of celebrating with him, his family released 35 red balloons and one white one.

They plan to do this each year with additional white balloons for the holidays he hasn't lost it with them. His mother described him as outgoing and generous. "He was generous," Walsh-Gouldard said. "I think his generosity was one of the reasons he used drugs in the first place."

He was the child she would



Photo by JAY KRAMER

Junior Ian Walsh-Gouldard, of Kitchener, shows off the memorial candles she got after her son died from a fentanyl overdose in 2014. He was 25 years old.

spend hours talking with. They would talk about a number of subjects and loved

spending time together.

She always worried she would lose him young. One time he drove into a pond without knowing the water was shallow and hit his head. When he was older he worked painting water covers and would send her pictures he took on his phone showing how high up he was.

"There was a accident. The first time he went in a shallow pond he had to break his wrist showing off skateboarding," she said.

Even though he took risks, he was also very careful. He was not in debt and would take off his shoes carefully as a child, unlike his older brother who would lose them off all the time.

"He was the little boy who was in his old of his teddy bear up a curtain was before he could go to sleep," she said.

At some point he was introduced to drugs and it may have caused the end of

a serious relationship. That is when he started to change.

Walsh-Gouldard is a mother of three and her black ruffled glasses, although her teeth didn't spill out because she is in pain and is not happy there. Her voice caught and she was her mother's hands through her stomach blood and red hair.

She pointed to the corner, near the kitchen, where wooden table at which she sat, where the yellow and grey paint marks. It is a red mark because it is unfinished.

"That was the end of the painting. He needed on the day before he died and said I'm painting the house," she said. "He was my best friend."

An angel that always looks a burning candle in a red shelf in the corner, beside a picture of young Ian in a yellow dress draped like a flower.

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Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What do you think about when
you are alone in your car?



"Under what I have to do
that day with the guy I'm
hooking."

Leah Velazquez,
first year
after administrative services

"The guy/female we picking
his/her because I'm prob-
ably doing it too."

Dylan Bueck,
first year
marketing



"I basically just forget
about everything."



Connor Johnston,
first year
marketing

"On ponds on what music
I am listening to."

Margus Kneibitz,
first year
dentistry



"If something is creepy what am
I in my day and I need to
think differently."

Alicia Douglas,
first year
dentistry



"What is I am going and all
of the stuff I have to do."

Heather Wright,
second of year
community and criminal
justice



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FELBERT CARTOONS



By L.A. Jones



Series: Conestoga College Cartoons

Romanticizing zombies

BY GABRIEL POULIN

There have been many theories as to what the future has in store for the human race. One involving food during the decades, the way to see the future. All we really did was take the styles and culture of the day and add some technological facts into it. The 1950s version of the future was just a glorified version of the 50s. In the 1950s and early 2000s, we seemed to think that we'd keep that garage culture, but we'd have lots of bright lights and white rooms. In the 2010s things seemed to change. The popular theory of what the future could become was to have black and mirrored, Woodstock as an endless rapidly pace.

The idea of zombies and the living dead isn't new. It goes further back than any zombie film you have seen. Legends, horror stories, religious and science fiction all discuss some sort of living dead or far back to those things have been recorded. No why now? Why the sudden interest?

We could probably blame it on AMC's *The Walking Dead*. Yes, the show is based on the comics with the same name by Robert Kirkman, but the comic would not have reached this height without a little help from an outlet with a much larger target audience. For anyone unfamiliar with *The Walking Dead*, the premise is that the dead have become reanimated. They're building around ambiguous, books, films and country-side trying to take a zombie



ILLUSTRATION BY GABRIEL POULIN

The threat to zombie (people) could be just one more way to romanticize an apocalypse.

and scary living person they said. Zombies kill, governments crumble and everyone is left to fend for themselves. That might leave you scratching your head, wondering why anyone would actually want this to happen. That's a valid question.

I think that apocalypse present people with the idea of a fast and furious land. If there aren't any zombies, then a not living stopping people from getting their check plus from not paying their bills from not having to worry about school or just life in general, like the album *The Day of the Dead* from 2001.

In some cases, the zombie apocalypse is considered to be the end of the world as we know it. The game produced by Naughty Dog called *The Last of Us*, where the world

became a sort of natural selection short of the human apocalypse and post-apocalyptic anyone. In other words, these scenarios are presented as the best of human existence and all that's left is survival with almost no hope. People focus more about a future devoid of human features and habits, and that's what is so appealing. That's really all it is, though – an interesting fantasy to which people are drawn. From their movies, and only have to focus on the simplest of human instincts – survival.

So I think an apocalypse of zombies and over take us over? Probably not. But that isn't going to discourage anyone even. Zombies are now an integral part of our culture. It's just one more thing to add to the list.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

eTexts won't save students money

In your eTexts column where, the writer notes how students will save 50 to 80 per cent of the cost of hard-copy textbooks thanks to this technology, but then goes on to state that the textbooks will be a mandatory purchase before the start of the school year.

Can you explain to me how I will be saving money when I am forced to spend money?

If I can buy a used textbook for pennies on the dollar or get one for free, why can I live forced to buy an eText when that I do not want.

While professors will have the privilege of being forced to buy ebooks that they can get elsewhere?

Robert Elving
Health and wellness engineering degree student

Students don't breastfeed.

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before they're
even born



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New program partners with small business

BY JAMAR FLEMING

A new program that will partner students with small business owners is being offered by Ontario Colleges and Universities. The program and it will not cost them anything.

The Digital Innovation Skills Certificate (DISC) program will accept all students aged 18 to 25 who will be split into two cohorts of 50. They will be trained with 10 local small businesses. The program runs for a duration of 11 weeks and is co-funded entirely by Ontario's Youth Skills Coalition fund. To be eligible students must have either a degree or diploma and a small business related.

Although Conestoga and Laurier are partners in the program, any graduate with a degree or diploma can apply. The program is focusing on non-business graduates in order to help those who may be struggling to find employment. The program will be of mutual benefit to local business owners and potential students.

"We are offering really in-demand skills that are solving a really important problem on both sides, both for students and small business owners," said Jeff Mitchell, the DISC program coordinator.

Many local business owners either do not have the knowledge or skills to compete in the digital market, or if they do, they don't have the time to devote to building their online sales. These businesses will find themselves increasingly at a disadvantage if they do not adapt to the digital age.

"The candidates we're looking to support are business owners who are struggling to achieve real growth digitally," said Mitchell.

The process of choosing those businesses is still being considered, but they plan to partner with a range of different kinds of business, whose size will range from about five to 50 employees. Every small business owner who participates in the program will get a bonus of five to ten students who will be managed by a coach from a local digital marketing company. As participants in the program, small business will have an equal consultation with the DISC leadership team.

"The essence of this central action will be the creation of a problem package that really defines the digital needs of the small business owner," said Mitchell.

The program aims to fill the digital gap for those businesses while providing relevant and marketable skills to graduate students looking for work. Students participating in the program will be learning these key components

in order to create a digital marketing and a business project that will strategically suggest the growth of their local small businesses.

"We're talking about using these skills to bring in real dollars for real businesses," said Mitchell.

The first component will teach students how to build an online store using Shopify. Shopify is a platform that businesses can use to create an online store, and as a partner of the DISC program, upon graduation students will be able to work as freelance sales representatives for Shopify.

After learning how to build an online store, students will also learn how to drive traffic to that store through a digital marketing module. HubSpot is a digital marketing tool that students will engage with and is also a partner of the DISC program.

"They will gain an understanding of marketing and strategy in a shopify like content production, leveraging social media to simplify your messaging, and using search engine optimization," said Mitchell.

"I think they'll really fit in the current training with today's current skill sets that are really great partners, a chance to apply knowledge



Jeff Mitchell is helping develop the Digital Innovation Skills Certificate at Conestoga College.

and skills in a real small business environment," said Mitchell. Mitchell, manager of part-time students and special projects at Conestoga College. The final component will be to learn project management skills. This component of the program is being custom built by Conestoga faculty.

"Our role is to facilitate the project management module to provide a foundation to help the students plan and execute a project structured

to the defined digital skills for small business in today's marketplace," said Mitchell.

Students will use all of these skills to complete a capstone project to promote digital growth in the business. Each business partner will be given a \$1,000 budget for the capstone project that the students will be developing. Students who complete the program will receive a graduate certificate from Wilfrid Laurier. Students can apply now to

be part of the first class begins May 1st. Applications can be filled out at www.discprogram.ca. There will be some competition for entry into the program, as more than 75 students have already applied. The annual offering of the program this year will begin the first week of June.

For students interested in learning more about the program, information sessions are being held on Feb. 3 and 8 at Shopify in Waterloo.



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Vegas Knights are far from golden

BY ANDREW BERNI

The National Hockey

League (NHL) will be up to 31 teams for the 2017-18 season with the addition of the Vegas Golden Knights a team that is going to end up being anything but "golden" for the league.

This was an opportunity for the NHL to make a change that could have been a potential fix to the financial problems long experienced by other teams throughout the league, but by bringing in an entirely new franchise, instead of saving one, that change has been missed. According to national NHL evaluations done by Forbes, no team has recorded negative financial numbers over the last two years. This could perhaps be attributed to an off season or few extra games, but then there are the cases of teams like the



Andrew Berni
Sticky Opinion

Florida Panthers, who have been struggling \$154 million since 2009 or the Phoenix Coyotes who haven't had to be bought back by the league since 1997 when owner Jerry Moyes bought the team out of bankruptcy.

How can the league not take a look at teams such as these, or the recently struggling Colorado Avalanche and think that a move to the new, bigger, outgassed and more considerable market that is Las Vegas and the right call? After all, Golden Knights General Manager George McPhee and in a statement that the team "had already

sold an excess of 14,000 tickets for the upcoming season," so the interest is already there. But the answer to why not move a team to the most likely of places is money. The Knights will be the first professional sports team to ever call the metropolitan capital of the world home and were only made possible by billionaire philanthropist owner William Foley who purchased the rights to an NHL expansion for 1000 million. Keep in mind that only 11 teams already in the league are valued at or above that price. That 1000 million goes directly into the pockets of the 30 other team owners. Plus, even if it then and the NHL is based on provinces who vote on whether to allow a team to move or be allowed into the league, the choice was obvious.

Besides the financial wonder of creating a whole new team, it is also a possible reason for those everywhere. Kingdoms and are interesting, but only until your team loses one of it key players. This is something that is becoming a thing through real estate for many a hockey owner in the Vegas expansion draft day, on the June 18, draft choice.

As it is, probably the poorly timed move. McPhee and NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman believe the team will be competitive right away, and are being extremely vocal about how they expect to see a lot of success from the franchise as early as.

"We're going to build an organization and a team that people will be proud of and

we're going to do it quickly and we're coming in a Stanley Cup," McPhee said at his inaugural press conference.

The NHL doesn't seem to be a team interested in the debts of the Minnesota Wild and the Columbus Blue Jackets in 2000, nor has it ever seen an expansion team contend for a play-off spot in the first season — ever. But hey who knows.

Expansion itself is not the root of the problem. The NHL just needs to be thinking on creating and ensuring a solid financial backing for the teams and players already in the league. The league's board of governors should realize it would be more prudent to fix what they have rather than being something entirely new to the ice.



GEEKS TAKE OVER COSPLAY AND GAMES AROUND AT TRI-CON KW

A popular team over the extensive line at Tri-Con KW 2017 at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. The annual convention celebrates geek and nerd culture and drew several hundred attendees on Jan. 14. For when you go to www.apexcon.com.

PHOTO BY SCOTT MCKINNON



WINTER CARNIVAL DANCES INTO STUDENTS' GOOD GRACES

Edna Binkley, a ballerina from Toronto, performs for students in the Museum of Contemporary Art campus as part of the Winter Carnival on Jan. 16. For when you go to www.apexcon.com.

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Financial future is gloomy

BY DALEY UNDERMAN

A financial report released by the Finance Department last month suggests that Canadians' wallets will be taking a hit once again. The report is looking ahead to 2010 and beyond, making many people uneasy about the country's financial future.

The Liberals have been known to be big spenders and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau isn't changing that perception. Looking as little as eight years ahead (2010), Andy Blundell, a *Canadian Press* journalist who analyzed the report, wrote in a Jan. 5 article the government will have run up a \$25-billion deficit. The report states that it looks like the deficit will continue to grow, with \$25 billion being added to it in 2010 and another \$28.6 billion in 2011, \$37.5 billion in 2012 and \$41.1 billion in 2013, and \$2.2 billion in 2014.

An even scarier thought is what all these add up to. "If such a scenario plays out, the document says federal debt could climb past \$1.55 trillion in 2010—more than double its current amount," Blundell said in his article.

How can a government rack up this much debt? The report is optimistic if it focuses on by how much we manage to reduce our. For the first time in the history of Canada, there are more people 65 years of age and over than there are children under 15. Blundell said, "This means that we will be fewer people working, thus fewer paying income tax, but more money being spent on programs such as services for seniors."

During the election, one of the main points made by Liberal leaders was that they would ensure the penny would never run up more than a \$10 billion in deficits. They promised to be in debt by 2015.

The reason so much money is currently being spent is to try and help Canada's weak economy. According to a story in the *Financial Post*, the country's economy will stay stuck in a recession five per cent growth rate until 2012. The estimated rate for 2010 is 0.1 per cent and only 0.1 per cent for 2011.

Despite that, the government shouldn't be spending like a Christmas tree, running up a trillion-dollar deficit in one year and one year. Fiscal responsibility must be the order of the day, or future generations will pay dearly for the Liberals' mismanagement.

The cartoon below represents the position of the average person, not necessarily the author.



The large-increasing annoying service, Netflix, is growing in membership and addiction. Will we ever come about the outdoors again?



Tax talk opens my eyes

I turned 20 in the beginning of this month. I have been living on my own and a half's way from home for two years now, and I am pretty self-sufficient when it comes to getting to school and work, spending money and understanding these life skills. However, a couple of days after my birthday, my parents decided they wanted to have the next to nothing and partially confusing tax talk. For roughly two hours, we discussed how to pay taxes, how to file your taxes when due and several things to keep myself organized throughout the year.

Since then I have been thinking a lot about what we are taught in school, and how it doesn't prepare us for the real world.

The average person spends roughly 15 per cent of their lives in school, not including the time that they are in post-secondary. If we are not taught math, science, history, geography, English, gym, French and arts as well as different high school classes.

However, out of all this



Brady Felix
Opinion

time that is spent in school, between the ages of four and 18, I have never been taught real life skills.

Now that you have to be able to work on your own, it was like teaching a kid that ABC's or 123's. I was taking what seemed like dumb questions, and although I was given an answer I still had no idea what I was doing. Unfortunately, this goes further than just paying taxes. My mom is based around maintaining a household while we were talking and I had no idea what that meant. I had to pretend to check my phone so I could look it up on Google.

Did you know that if you don't pay your taxes, you could be fined anywhere from \$1,000-\$5,000 and then one year in prison, according to the Canadian Income

Tax Act? Five people have about three kinds of taxes. If I wasn't so open to my parents about what was going on in my life, I would have never understood that I was working at a job that was discriminatory toward my religion and I was to go to church, because I was also never taught about human rights.

In 2014, high schools in Newfoundland added exams to their courses but that taught students 14 life skills as personal finance. This included budgeting a cheques book, saving for retirement, rights and responsibilities for voting and owning a home and identity fraud and theft. Other schools across the U.S. have been making these changes as well.

I urge the government to add these to our curriculum. I think that there needs to be taught in high school, on the driver who are preparing to leave their families and move out will understand what is coming. Isn't it better to learn a subject that affects everyone's life, rather than one that only affects a few?

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HOROSCOPE

Week of January 23, 2017



Aries

March 21 -
April 19

This January you got off to a rough start, so your New Year's resolutions (February is coming, and will grant you many new opportunities for a new year and a new you.



Taurus

April 20 -
May 20

Don't be afraid to be overly confident this week. You're worked hard, and it



Libra

September 23 -
October 23

Something simple will catch your eye this week and appear to be a beautiful masterpiece worthy of The Louvre.



Scorpio

October 24 -
November 21

Your mirror of the darker side of life will get you one inside the work. Be cautious of the dark alleys that catch your eye.



Gemini

May 21 -
June 21

Decisions are often difficult for you. This week, a big decision you have been struggling to make will become clear.



Sagittarius

November 22 -
December 21

A confrontation sparked by your chest impact will occur on Wednesday. Don't worry, it won't take long to resolve.



Cancer

June 22 -
July 22

Cold the family member you have been avoiding. Blood is thicker than water.



Capricorn

December 22 -
January 19

This week your wit and sarcasm will bring you something big and unexpected.



Leo

July 23 -
August 22

This week will be a low level in your relationships and productivity will suffer.



Aquarius

January 20 -
February 18

Simple words or conversations often divide, a pot to stir as you. Write them down this week and throw them on Friday.



Virgo

August 23 -
September 22

Your good memory will be more than helpful this week. Don't procrastinate on the things you haven't forgotten.



Pisces

February 19 -
March 20

Your overconfidence will grant you something extraordinary this week. Be open to new things on Thursday or pentecost.



Click! Click! Click! Click! languages unknown to ourselves when the birds speak. As a result the birds are in charge and winning all night.

Oh Girl!



CBT writer Control would get his own page.

Useless Facts

MICHAEL JOHNSON makes more money from K&N annually than all of the K&N factory workers in Malaysia combined.

A small cat sleep for three years.

Americans on average eat 15 acres of pizza every day.

The slogan on New Hampshire license plates is "Live Free or Die." These license plates are manufactured by prisoners in the state prison in Concord.

Polonium is extremely poisonous if ingested intravenously.

Sudoku Puzzle

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2	3			8			7	
				3	6		8	
	1					5		4
	7		8	4				9
5	9		6	1		7		
4		1		2	8		5	
	5		1				3	2
7				6		8		

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

Word Search

Zoo Animals

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Q	R	O	K	K	D	I	S	G	E	L	A	D	J	E	D	BEAR
S	M	Q	T	A	G	V	P	F	R	T	T	E	P	W	N	SEAL
C	A	R	A	N	A	Y	F	C	C	L	U	H	K	T	R	GAMEL
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N	X	X	X	O	S	B	T	E	V	Y	S	E	H	A		ORANGUTAN
N	H	I	P	P	O	Y	O	Y	R	B	L	E	M	A	C	GOAT

TALKING ABOUT HOW HIS ART CAME TO BE



Kapoor in an abstract material, usually

Anish Kapoor talks about how the history of the human hand, which inspired his artwork, at the Open Season: contemporary art in downtown Kitchener on Jan. 23. For video story go to www.b2b2b.com.

Travelling home for the holidays is worthwhile

BY SHARON MARTEL

It was good to be home again.

My journey back to India began on Dec. 4 when I boarded my 18-gig Emirates Flight Wym. That flight was a long one, but it was comfortable and, because of the weather and trying to sleep as I had a 18-hour journey ahead of me.

After reaching Dubai airport I took another flight to Rome to meet my mother. I loved being at my home place because she cooks as much food for me as I can eat that I want her right into home of the Indian dishes she prepared were spicy chicken, curry, pepper chicken, lamb, corn, and fish fry. I missed this in my home and I don't know how to cook them. That my home food had a pretty good taste with everything my mother and me.

After a full-filled bus time

with her I continued to my journey to India to meet my father, relatives and my friends. The temperature in Chennai, the capital of the state of Tamil Nadu, where I lived was 30 C and I had all my luggage with me when I had to leave over my home. I stayed the last while my father's Christmas had a last time going to it was winter and temperature fluctuates between 22 and 30 C, which is chilly to them since they are used to summer highs of 32 C.

There was a lot of love and warmth with my father and family. One of our traditions every morning was to take a photo together. I have 25 photos of my father and me that were taken from home.

My country was and is changing a lot with various, financial, changes as a demonstration as going on. There are also lots of protests as my state is people try to save our cultural spirit. I will be where a full is released as a crowd and a peace line.

that would lead to push the ball a long and wide as long as he was and being the ball to a song. Anish Kapoor and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in India are against the sport due to human trafficking and injuries sustained by the bulls. The Supreme Court of India banned the practice in May 2014.

Other than those two things that cause confusion and tension in my country and in my state, my stay was pleasant and enjoyable. I hope and wish my people would have peace after the problems outside.

After I went a sad bye to my father in Chennai International Airport, I boarded my flight back to Canada on Jan. 9 and arrived back in Kitchener on Jan. 10. It was really a good time she could have lived my life. Although I miss my family I am happy to be back in the snowy weather with my Spoke family and friends.



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